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Re: Docket Number 2005-385-E

Mr. Terreni:

I am a supporter of net metering for South Carolina (ref: docket # 2005-385-E). I would like to see the people of the State of South Carolina begin to benefit from net metering.

Net metering is a safe and logical way to encourage all South Carolinians to make and benefit from the ecologically sound decision to harness the energy given to us by the sun every.

By encouraging the purchase and use of domestic solar power systems South Carolina can improve the State's economy by helping existing businesses as well as promoting new business to move to the State. The reduction in peak power requirements will also assist in creating a more equitable economic environment in State energy markets.

The increase in demand for energy will not be entirely offset by solar power production, and power companies will not be economically impacted by the use of solar power. Contrarily, they will benefit by a more measured and steady increase in demand, which will be easier to keep up with.

In every state, it is an increasing problem for centralized power providers keep up with the consumption during summer months due to peak mid-day consumption. Many states experience critical power shortages, and it is only a matter of time that any state that does not adequately address the issue will find themselves in this predicament. Mid-day is also ideal for solar power production. Acting now to encourage increased use of solar power, will steer us off the path towards power shortages down the road. Please set a positive example by showing leadership in South Carolina's move to become a more environmentally friendly and economically sound state and adopt net metering.

Cordially,

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